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## CO<sub>2</sub> for Enhanced Oil Recovery Needs Enhanced Incentives

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# The CO<sub>2</sub> Value Chain

## CO<sub>2</sub> SOURCES



**NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> og  
gasification plants**



**Natural gas  
processing**



**Powerplants**

## CO<sub>2</sub> LOGISTICS

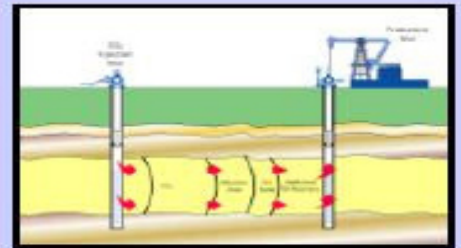


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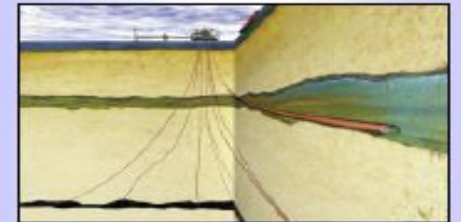


**Pipelines**

## CO<sub>2</sub> MARKET



**Increased oil  
recovery**



**Storage in  
geological  
formations**

# Why is the CO2 Value Chain Important?

- Shifts focus of GHG emissions from a regulatory problem towards commercial solutions.
- Enables markets to evolve under stable policies in a “defined playing field”.
- Provides mechanism for resource development and wealth creation.
- Provides policy alternatives to address issues of industrial development, energy security and climate-change.

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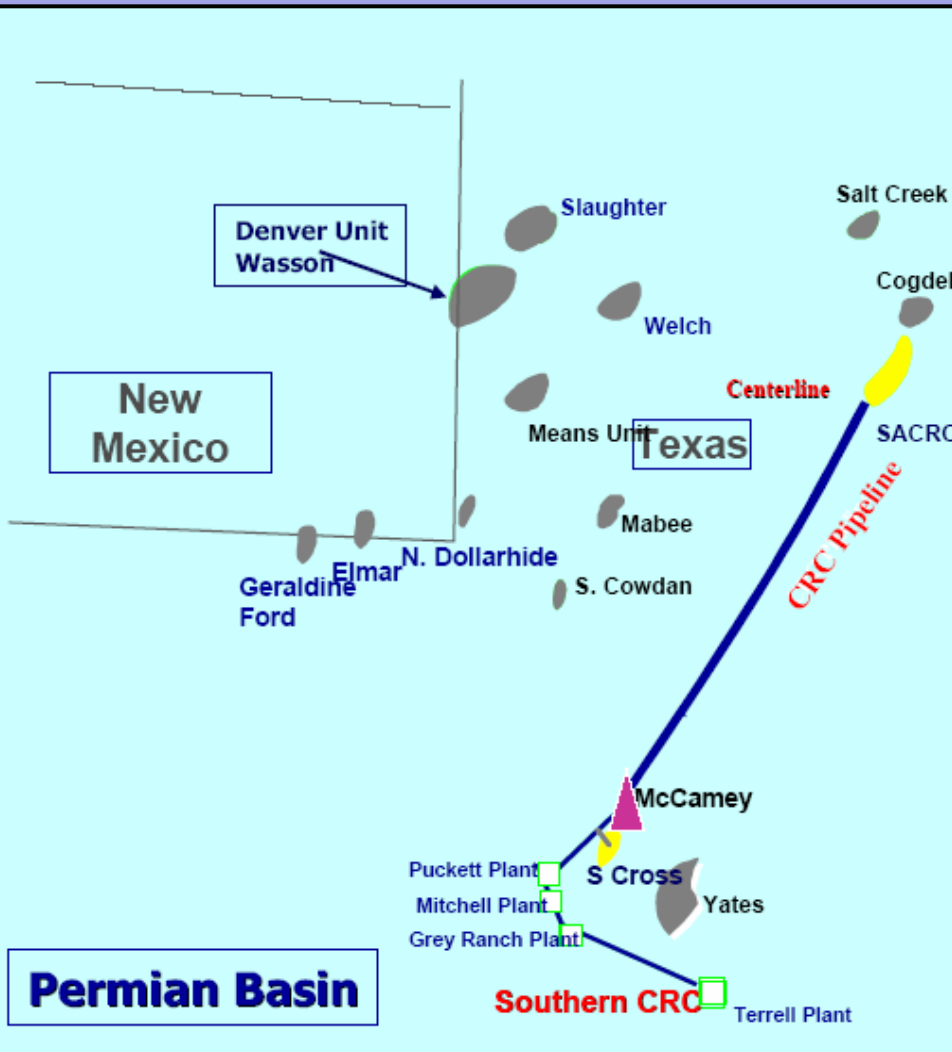
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# The Value of Incentives

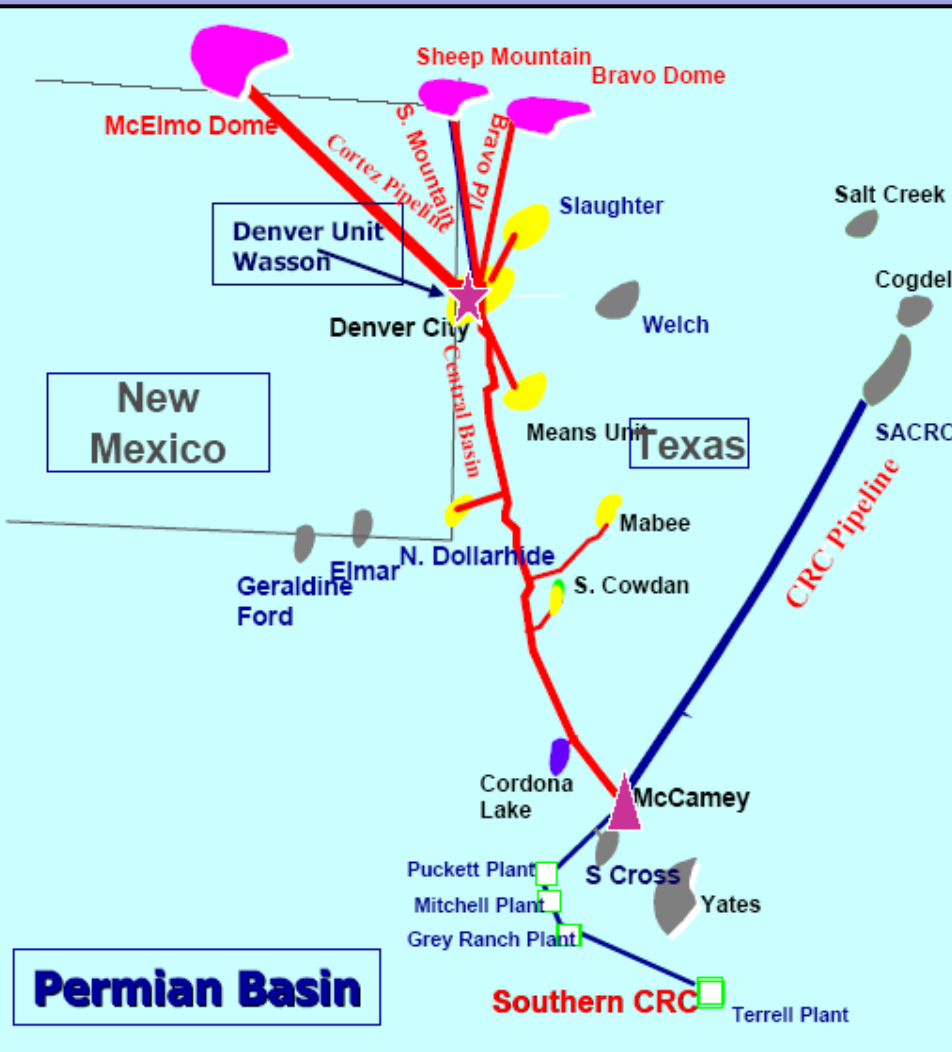
- Markets will evolve and projects can develop along the CO2 value chain.
- But additional incentives to promote CO2 for EOR could kick start this market.
- CO2 Sequestration has been shown to provide the greatest impact on CO2 emission reductions and CO2-EOR is a commercial subset for early implementation.

# Permian Basin 1970 - 1973



- “Allowables” or production caps removed for EOR projects.
- Chevron / Shell collaborated and used Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> (A-CO<sub>2</sub>) for EOR.
- Chevron built 175 mile CRC pipeline to SACROC.
- SACROC is first large CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR flood.
- Production dramatically increased.

# Permian Basin 1979 - 1989



- Naturally occurring CO2 discovered.
- Shell, Mobile, Amoco & ARCO build infrastructure.
- Tertiary Incentives enacted
  - Free market price ('79)
  - WPT reduction ('81)
  - 15% Inv. Tax Credit ('82)
  - Texas Severance Tax reduced by 50% ('82)

# Permian Basin 1990 - 2005



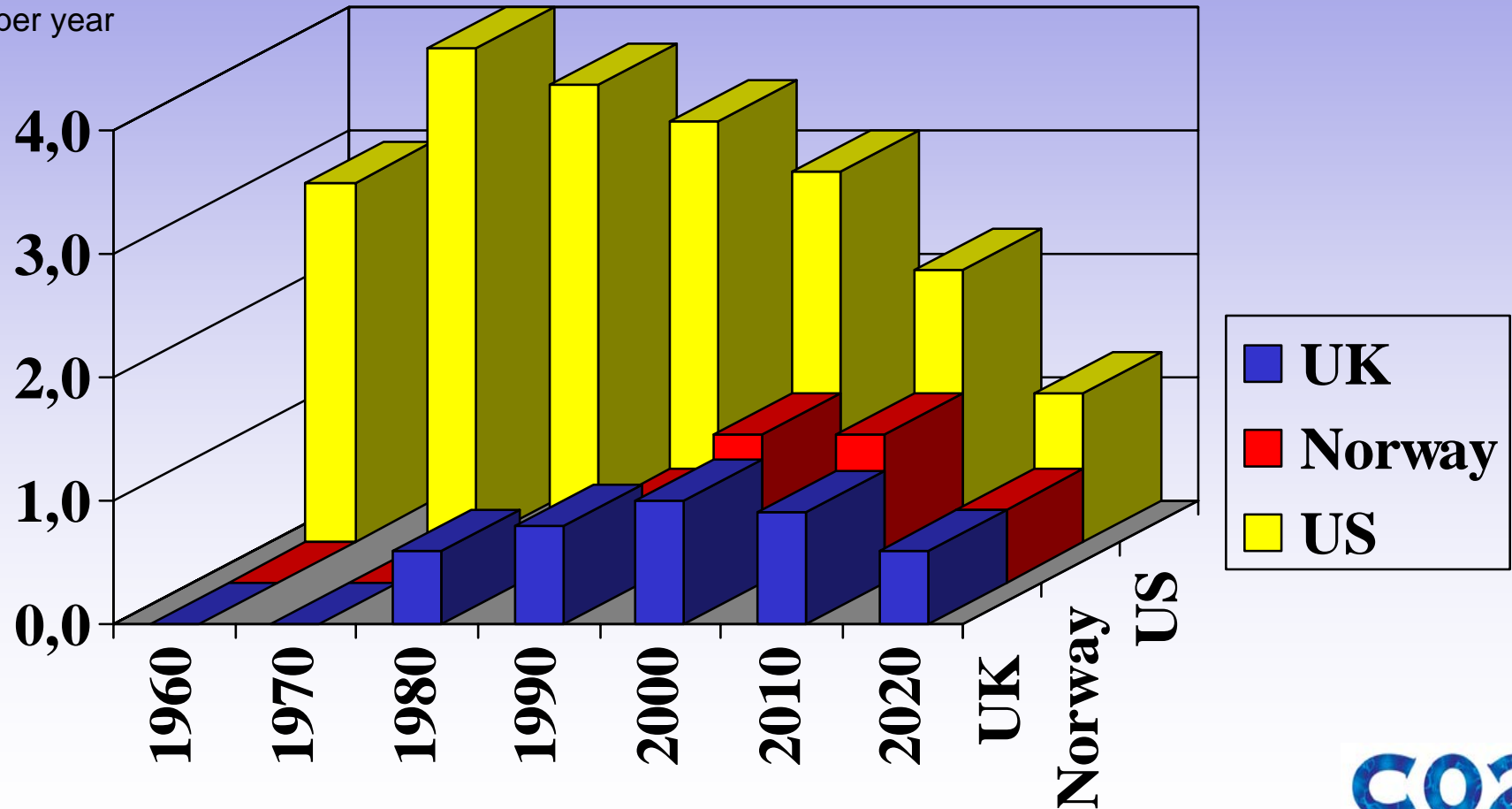
Map by courtesy of David L. Coleman

- Incentives renewed.
- Inv. Tax Credit proposed to be raised to 25%.
- Continued Expansion.
- New Pipelines.
- New Players – Majors leaving:
  - Oxy Permian
  - Kinder Morgan
  - Apache / XTO



# Comparison between US & North Sea Oil Production (1960 - 2020)

Billion barrels  
per year





# Drivers in Support of Incentives for EOR in the North Sea

- Declining oil production from North Sea Continental Shelf.
- Delay costly decommissioning of platforms.
- Increasing dependence upon energy imports in UK and EU.
- Commitments to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions under Kyoto and beyond.

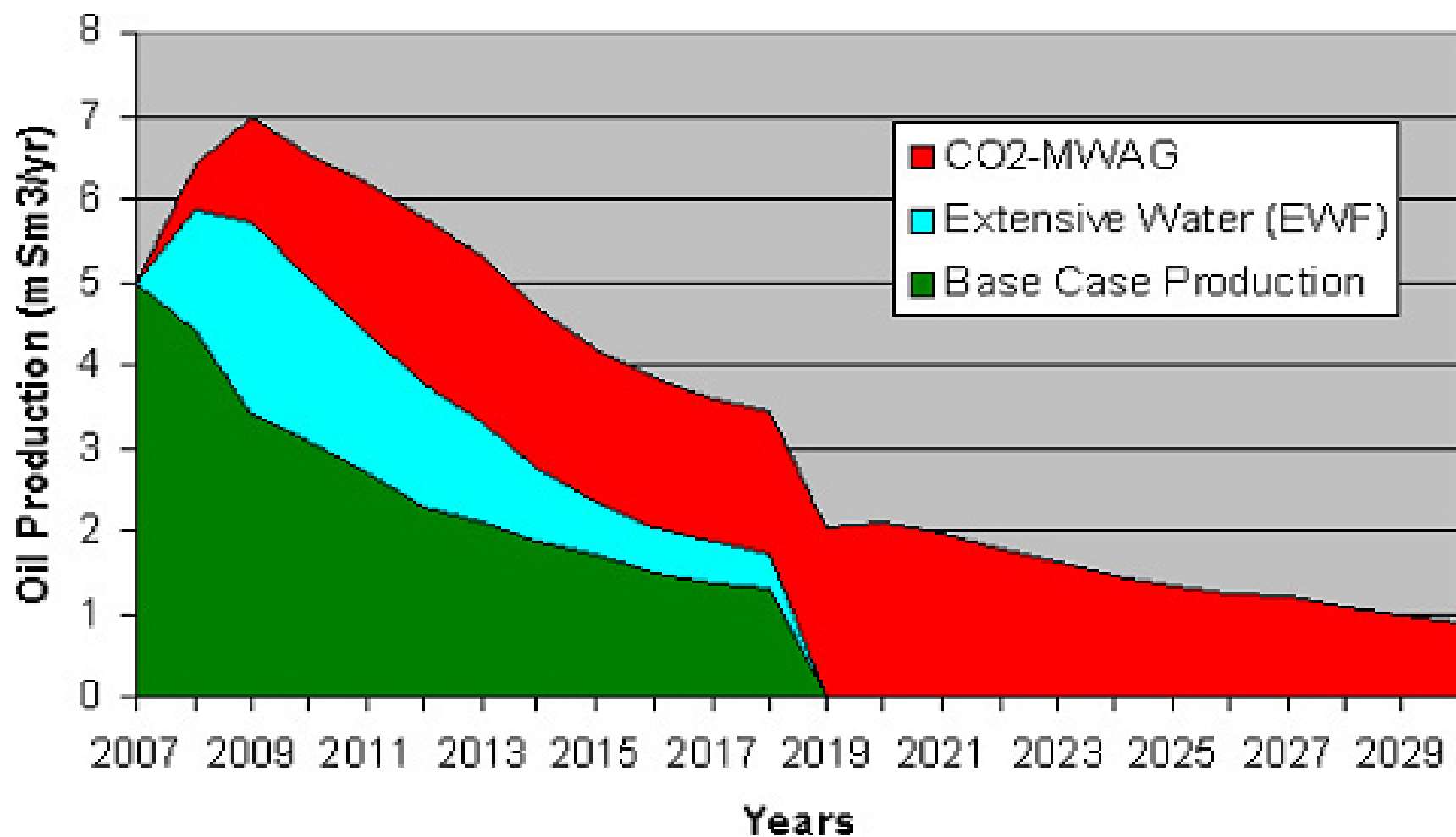
# What should an efficiently designed Incentive do?

- Encourage investment in CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR activity.
- Encourage oil production.
- Encourage infrastructure construction.
- Encourage incremental tax revenue generation to pay for the incentive.
- Reduce exposure of the operator to market price risks.

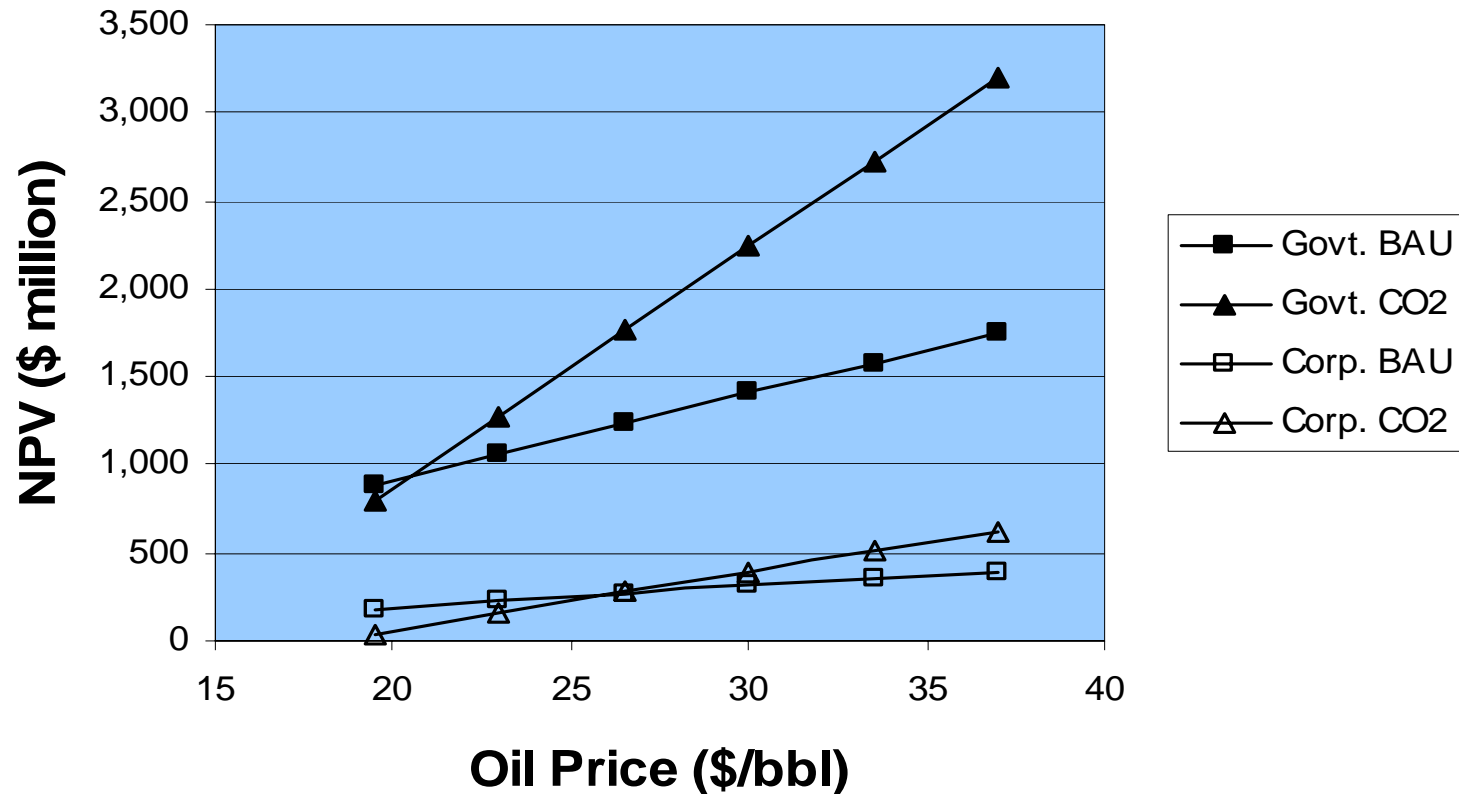
# What types of Incentives are there?

- **Investment tax credits** (15-25% of investment).
- Accelerated depreciation of investments (1yr).
- Additional deductions to revenue (Volume Allowance).
- Reduced Royalties.
- **Reduced tax rates.**
- CO2 Credits.
- **Post-tax Volume Credit.**

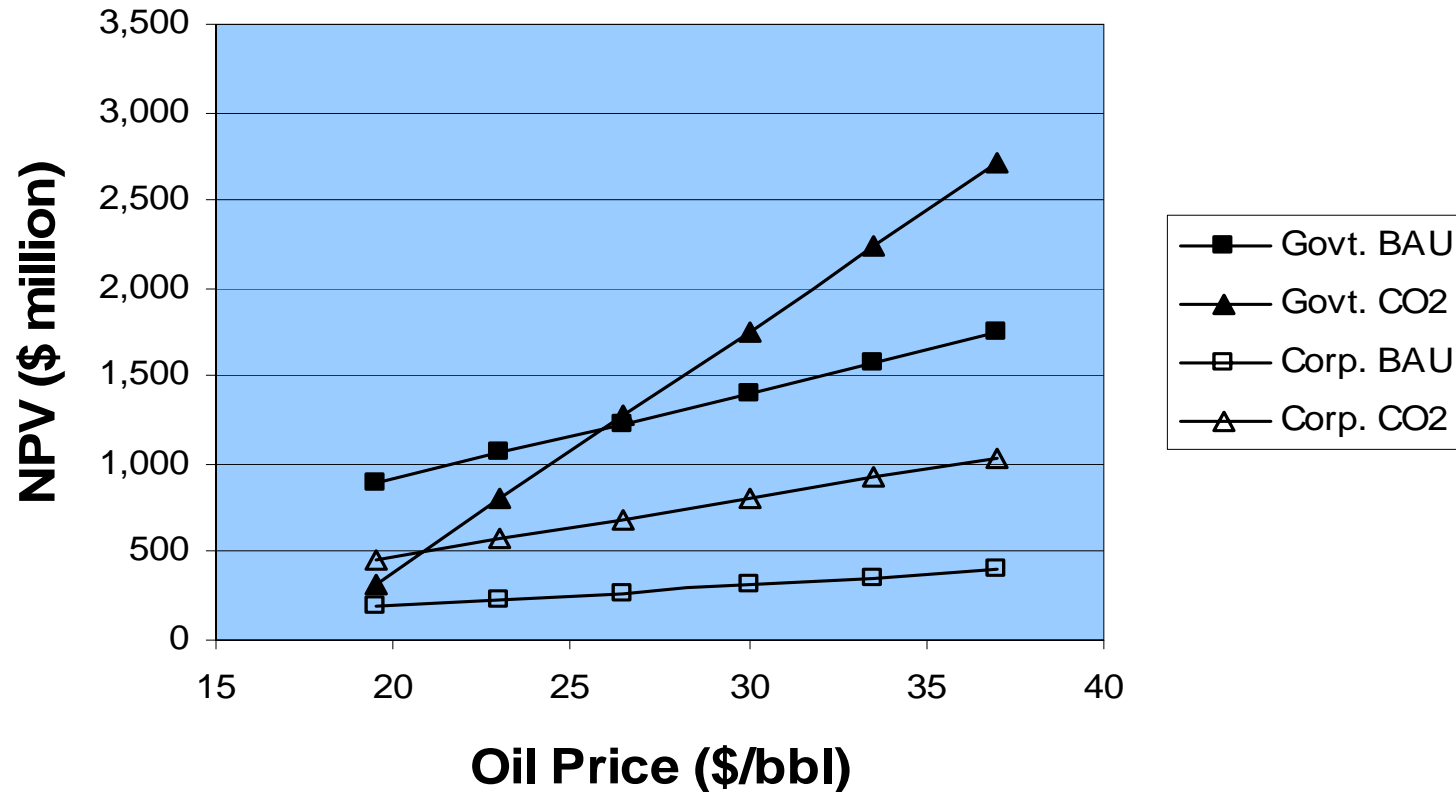
# Comparison of Reservoir Production Profiles



# Project NPV without Incentives



# Project NPV w/ CO2-EOR Vol. Credit



# Key Issues to Oil Field Operators

- Perception of future market oil prices.
- Incentives to investment.
- Cost of delivered CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Security of CO<sub>2</sub> supply.



# Key Issues to CO2 Suppliers

- Cost for capturing and gathering the CO2.
- Future regulations for constraining CO2 emissions.
- Cost of alternative options for CO2 avoidance.
- Secure contracting strategies for CO2 supplied and transported.

# Key Facilitating Parameters

- Market oil price.
- CO2 delivered price.
- Government incentives.

## Key Players

- Industrial sectors of Oil & Gas, Power, Process, Chemical and Refining.
- The 3 Governmental bodies – Finance, Energy and Environment.

# Conclusions (1)

- Proven technologies exist to capture CO<sub>2</sub>.
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR is well understood in the oil industry.
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR requires more investment, the purchase of CO<sub>2</sub> and greater operating costs than conventional secondary oil production.
- Incentives are required to attract investments.
- History shows where government incentives encouraged EOR, then CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR projects were developed.

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## Conclusions (2)

- There are significant realizable values for treasuries and operators in implementing incentives for CO2-EOR.
- CO2 capture costs will improve with experience.
- CO2 credit trading systems will mature.
- If incentives are strong enough there is no need to wait. Improvements will become upsides to the operators and treasuries.

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# Conclusions (3)

- Governments have the incentives to accelerate implementation of large scale CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR now.
- Attaining meaningful and accelerated reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- While also ensuring security of energy supply.

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